

# Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal

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**This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.**

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- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/ Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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- b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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- iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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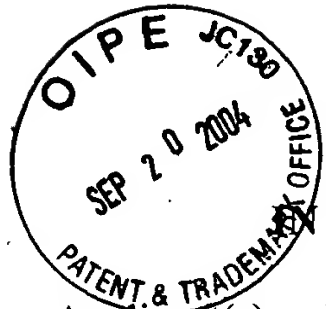
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**AMENDMENT TO ACCOMPANY REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**  
**UNDER 37 CFR 1.121**

Dear Sir:

This paper is submitted to accompany the Request For Continued Examination (RCE) in the above-listed patent application. The Request For Continued Examination is filed herewith.

This paper is also submitted in response to the Final Office Action of May 19, 2004.

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**Amendments to the Specification** begin at page 3 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 4 of this paper.

In making amendments to the Specification and Claims, additions are underlined (\_\_\_\_), while deletions are in strikethrough format.

Remarks including arguments begin at page 9 of this paper.